

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 918

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tyler Boyd on receiving the National Jersey Youth Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Tyler Boyd of Parrottsville, who recently received the National Jersey Youth Achievement Award, the highest honor bestowed upon Jersey youth in the United States; Mr. Boyd was honored for his work at the All-American Junior Banquet held during the All-American Junior Show weekend in Louisville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, participants in the competition for the award are nominated by their state Jersey organization for their leadership activities and participation in Jersey functions, as well as their successful breeding and management of Jersey cattle; and

WHEREAS, the sixth generation of his family to farm dairy cattle, Mr. Boyd received his first Jerseys at the age of three weeks; today, he is the breeder and owner of over fifty Jerseys at Boyd-Lee Jerseys; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd has increased the production average of the Jerseys that he owns by over 5,000 pounds and has won production awards for his cows at the regional and state levels for several years; and

WHEREAS, with many Junior All-Tennessee honors to his credit during his junior show career, he also exhibited the Best Bred and Owned aged cow at the 2004 All-American Junior Show, as well as the Best Bred and Owned junior yearling at the 2008 show; his herd today includes five Excellent, twenty-two Very Good, and two Desirable cows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd is the breeder and/or owner of six cows on the current top 200 Jersey Performance Index, including the third highest-selling animal at the 2008 Pot O'Gold Sale, which is currently ranked at number fifty-four in the nation, as well as his consignment to the 2008 National Heifer Sale, which is ranked number eight in the nation; he still owns cows ranked at numbers twelve, ninety-three, one hundred thirty-four, and one hundred forty-one; and

WHEREAS, with an emphasis on genetics and marketing, Mr. Boyd has negotiated five bull contracts and currently has bulls at Genex and Select Sires; he is now employing genomic testing on select animals in his herd in order to determine true genetic ability and increase the marketability of his animals, and the herd is currently ranked second in Tennessee and thirty-third in the nation for Jersey Performance Index; and

WHEREAS, vocal about his passion for agriculture, Tyler Boyd serves on the Dairy Farmer Spokesperson Network for SUDIA, has topped the JerseyTalk public speaking event at the National AJCA meeting in Syracuse, and has won numerous USDA, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Farm Bureau, and Tennessee 4-H awards for speeches and essays; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd was appointed to the 2009 National Jersey Youth Planning Committee and has been appointed to serve on the 2010 All-American Sale Committee; he is a member of the Tennessee Young Farmers and Ranchers and was the Tennessee representative to the southeast division meeting of Dairy Farmers of American Young Cooperators in 2008; and

WHEREAS, he also has just completed his third term as President of the Tennessee Jersey Juniors and served on the 2008 National 4-H Congress Design Team and as a former 4-H Congress Governor, State All-Star Deputy Chief, and member of the Tennessee State 4-H Council; he is now a member of the Tennessee 4-H Alumni; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 valedictorian of his class at Greeneville High School, Mr. Boyd is now a junior at Vanderbilt University, majoring in evolutionary, environmental, and organizational biology, with an emphasis in genetics, and double-minoring in American political science and sociology; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd has served as a representative in Vanderbilt Student Government (VSG) and has been the Attorney General for VSG this year; he is a Vanderbilt Arts and

Sciences Scholarship recipient, Niswonger Scholar, Coca-Cola Semifinalist Scholar, McWherter Scholar, National AP Commended Scholar, and National Merit Commended Scholar; and

WHEREAS, he has recently received the Rueben Cowles Scholarship, the Paul Jackson Memorial Scholarship, and the Jack Nisbet Scholarship from the American Jersey Cattle Association; he was also selected as a member of the inaugural Jersey Youth Academy this summer; and

WHEREAS, as the National Youth Achievement winner, Mr. Boyd will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the 2010 Junior Banquet in Louisville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Boyd's achievement is surely a source of pride for his parents, Deborah and David Boyd, and his grandparents, Juanita and Fred Lee and Jane Boyd; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd continually strives toward his goal of being a positive voice for agriculture, a leader in his community, and a role model for the youth of his community and for the people of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the work of men and women such as Tyler Boyd, Tennessee's farms enjoy a reputation for exceptional quality and productivity, and for his many contributions to this reputation, he should be applauded; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Tyler Boyd on receiving the National Jersey Youth Achievement Award, thank him for his meritorious service to Tennessee's agricultural community, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.